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National economic crisis impacts City budget; General fund revenue shortfall of \$5+ million expected



The nation-wide economic crisis that has dominated the news for the past few months is taking its toll on local government. Shoppers and travelers staying home, fewer real estate transactions, and underperforming interest income are all contributing to a 4.2% shortfall in revenues to the City's General Fund from what is budgeted for fiscal year 2008-09.

At a midyear review of revenues-to-date held at the February 10, 2009 City Council meeting, an overview of projections for the fiscal year had very little good news to report. Although \$133.5 million is budgeted for General Fund revenues in 2008-09, current projections are \$127.9 million. City departments have been asked to carefully monitor their budgets to keep expenses on track or under their budgets, a managed hiring freeze has been implemented, and the City is ramping up economic development efforts. Even if expenses are trimmed and additional revenues are brought in, a \$5+ million General Fund deficit is projected for this fiscal year.

Other City budgets are also experiencing revenue shortfalls.

The Electric Utility is at 46.3% of budgeted revenues at the mid-year point and expenditures are at 57.7% because of continuing dry hydro conditions and increased purchased energy costs. As a result, the Electric Utility is expected to draw on additional reserves beyond the \$19 million from reserves already contained in its budget.

The Water & Sewer Utilities have revenues at 42.8% of budget due to much lower than forecast sewer service charges, cutbacks by businesses and residents experiencing their own economic hardships, and water conservation

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Community provides input for General Plan Update; and more input is invited

Nearly 1,600 community members completed a survey in 2008 to provide input on the future development of Santa Clara as it will be outlined in an updated General Plan. Topping the list of priorities for survey respondents is support for City actions that encourage sustainability. Other high ranking

topics included improving El Camino Real, providing more walking destinations, encouraging park amenities, promoting alternative transportation, preserving existing neighborhoods, revitalizing Downtown, and promoting historic preservation.

The full results of the survey can be viewed on the website santaclaragp.com or in published copies at the City's libraries.

The survey is one of many tools being used by the General Plan Steering Committee to gather information from the community. Based on the feedback received so far, the Steering Committee has tentatively endorsed the concept of a progressive plan update that breaks the future into three phases: 2010-2015, 2015-2025, and 2025-2035. These represent growth scenarios, ranging from limited intensity in the short term to higher intensity over a longer term. To address the potential effects of future growth, the General Plan update will include requirements for both adequate City services and infrastructure as pre-requisites for development of the next phase.

There will be many opportunities for additional community input and dialogue as the General Plan update moves ahead. The Steering Committee includes 19 community members as well as elected and appointed officials, and its recommendations will be considered in public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council. Also being drafted is a new state-mandated Housing Element for the General Plan and the

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Great America season opens March 29



California's Great America opens the 2009 season on Sunday, March 29. It will be open 15 days in April, including April 10-19 for Spring Break, and weekends in May until May 25 when it begins its seven-day-a-week schedule for the summer.

The 100-acre theme and water park has announced it will hold fireworks displays on Sunday, May 24, in honor of Memorial Day, and Sunday, Sept. 6, in honor of Labor Day, as well as selected nights in August.

BMX riders and skateboarders head cast of extreme sports stunt show at Great America

A new 25-minute extreme sports stunt show will debut at California's Great America in June, along with "The Chipper Lowell Experience," a one-man show of comedy and magic. Both shows are family-friendly and included with the price of admission.

"All Wheels Extreme" will be presented in the park's Redwood Amphitheatre, which will resemble a skate park. Set to heart-pumping music, the high energy show will showcase the talents of BMX riders, skateboarders, rollerbladers, gymnasts and other extreme sport athletes.

For more information, visit cagreatamerica.com or call 988-1776.

There will be a run/walk through the park on April 26. [See page 6 for more information.](#)

Reduced electricity bills for financial, medical hardships

Customers of Silicon Valley Power, the municipal Electric Utility, who have difficulty paying the electricity portion of their utility bill, may qualify for the Rate Assistance Program which provides a 25% discount for those who meet the financial or medical criteria.

Customers who may be eligible for assistance based on financial criteria include: lower income individuals and families; people receiving unemployment, disability compensation or child and/or spousal support; veterans; and students on financial aid. More information and application forms for the Financial Rate Assistance Program discount are available by calling 244-SAVE (7283).

The Medical Rate Assistance Program discount is available to people who have a medical or disabling condition that requires a high-energy usage medical device prescribed by a physician, such as residents who depend on life support or scleroderma patients with special heating or cooling needs. Information and application forms are available by calling 615-2337.

Information and applications for both programs are also available at siliconvalleypower.com/assist.

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Budget

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in response to the statewide drought. Expenditures are at 48% of budget at midyear. Possible changes to rates and charges are being studied and will be discussed by the City Council later this year.

Although the Redevelopment Agency is expected to exceed its budget by about \$2 million this year because of increases in assessed valuation for commercial/industrial properties in the North Bayshore area, the State is taking away \$2.02 million from the City’s Redevelopment funds to help with the State’s own budget deficit problems. Revenues for the Sports & Open Space Authority and Santa Clara Convention Center are forecast to be under budget.

Here is a brief summary of how each major source of revenue to the City’s General Fund is performing. More detailed information on the budget and forecasts can be obtained on the City’s website at santaclaraca.gov.

Sales tax revenue for the first half of the year was \$13.9 million, compared to \$15.6 million for the same period last year. Retail sales were down 10.2%, vehicle sales down 17.4% and business to business sales down 9.5%. The forecast for the end of the 2008-09 fiscal year is a \$5.2 million, or 12.8% shortfall, from what was budgeted.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for the fiscal year is projected to be about \$1 million lower than what is budgeted.

Property tax revenue is coming in slightly higher than what was budgeted because of increases in assessed valuation by the County Assessor for residential and commercial properties. However, the County Assessor’s Office announced in February that it is reviewing valuations of about half of the homes in the County with the expectation that many have lost value. The potential impact on City revenues from changed valuations is unknown at this point.

Budget hearings for the 2009-2010 fiscal year will be held in May and June. Dates and times of the budget hearings will be posted on the City’s website and on the City’s cable TV channel. The 2009-10 budget will reflect the weakened economy, as forecasts for recovery of the national and regional economy do not expect to see much change until mid to late calendar year 2010, or early 2011.

Public discussion of 2009-10 proposed budget

The following dates have been established for a public hearing and joint study sessions to review the proposed 2009-10 Annual Budget, including Operating and Capital Improvement Project Budgets. The public hearing will discuss City budgets, the Redevelopment Agency budget, the budget for the Sports & Open Space Authority, the use of funds from the federal entitlement HOME Program (used for affordable housing purposes), and adjustments to fees, rates and charges. Community Development Block Grants will also be considered although separate public hearings will be held. The schedule for 2009-10 study sessions and public hearings is:

- May 5 Joint study session to review significant proposed capital improvement projects
- May 12 Joint study session to review the proposed Five-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Project Budget
- May 19 Joint study session to review the proposed 2009-10 Operating Budget
- June 9 Public hearing on proposed budgets and Five Year Financial Plan.



City offices closed for three holidays

City offices including the Library will be closed on Friday, April 10, for the Spring Holiday, and Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day. There are no changes to the solid waste collection schedule; regular pick-up will occur on those dates. For information, call 615-3080.

The City Library will also be closed Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009.

City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics and Values

Ethical
Professional
Service-Oriented
Fiscally Responsible
Organized
Communicative
Collaborative
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making Ethical Values a Good Habit



CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

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City Goals and Priorities 2007-2009

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2007-09 can be found on the City website at santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/city_gov_council_adopted_goals.html)

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.

- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online, at santaclaraca.gov/calendarc_m_cur.html.

* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
*** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: santaclaraca.gov
Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD,
COMMISSIONS
AND COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on the Cultural
Advisory Commission

The City of Santa Clara has a vacancy on the Cultural Advisory Commissions for a term ending June 30, 2009. The deadline to receive applications is March 11, 2009 at 5 p.m. The interview date is March 17, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall lobby.

The seven-member Cultural Advisory Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the cultural enrichment and beautification of the City. The commission generally meets on the 1st Monday of each month.

The City is also seeking residents who may be interested in serving on any of the City’s nine boards or commissions, or a City committee. Your name can be placed on a mailing list, and you will be notified when vacancies occur. The commissions/committee are: Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Advisory Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, International Exchange Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission, Youth Commission, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee.

Commissions generally meet every month, or every other month, in the evening with these exceptions; the Planning Commission sometimes meets twice per month; the Senior Advisory Commission meetings are held on a weekday morning.

If you are a registered voter (or in the case of the Youth Commission, a Santa Clara resident, age 12-19), and are interested in serving on any of these board/commissions/committee, or just want more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays at 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or visit the online website santaclaraca.gov.

ADA Committee Meeting

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For meeting location, contact the Engineering Department at 615-3000 or watch for the notice broadcast on Santa Clara Cable Channel 15.

The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations such as Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed.

49ers proposed stadium

As this issue of *Inside Santa Clara* was going to press, preliminary and non-binding negotiations were continuing with the 49ers, to clarify and document understandings and guarantees of all parties involved in the proposed stadium project under consideration for the parking lot of California’s Great America.

In June 2008, Council approved an extension of the negotiation period to February 2009, and at the conclusion of the negotiations, a Term Sheet was expected to come forward to the City Council for discussion and consideration at a public City Council meeting. At press time, no specific date had been set. When available, information and expected dates for public discussion will be noted on the City’s website.

The Term Sheet would document the basic understandings related to financing, and the guarantees and governance structure for the proposed project for the parties involved. Should the Council decide that the project Term Sheet makes sense for the City of Santa Clara, then the stadium proposal would be placed on a municipal ballot for our citizens to vote on the matter.

The City continues to work on the required EIR document for the proposed stadium. The 49ers have amended their Project Description for the EIR to add the potential of a second NFL team using the proposed stadium. The second team concept is only being studied in the EIR document at this point in time, as the NFL is considering a requirement that any franchise proposing a new stadium in a large market, such as the Bay Area, should analyze the potential shared use of the stadium by a second NFL team. There are currently no specific plans for use of the stadium by a second team.

Details about the history of the proposal, process followed thus far, and the documents that have been considered, are found on the City’s website at santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/49er_stadium_proposal.html.

Many new recreation classes
offered this spring

Enjoy the fun activities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department as spring begins. Registration is open now and there are many new classes appealing to a variety of interests and ages. For example, new cooking classes for adults include Japanese Cooking; Sushi Party; High Fiber, High Flavor; and Wrap & Roll. Fun offerings for children include Spring Fling, Mother’s Day Gifts Galore, Little Hands in the Kitchen, My First Drum Class, Imagine Me, and more.

In addition to cooking and crafts, the schedule features a great selection of fitness, dance and sports programs such as Social Dance Series, Yoga, Cross Training, Zumba, or Baby Boot Camp (a stroller-based fitness class for new moms). If you love the great outdoors, sign up for Golf, Tennis or a Kayaking trip! Active programs for children include Gymnastics, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, Skateboarding, Jumping for Joy, and more! See the *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide* for a complete listing of the programs being offered. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or Mission Library Family Reading Center. The guide is also available online at santaclaraca.gov.

You may sign up for classes online or by phone, providing instant registration. An account “PIN” number and “client barcode” are required before using either of these automated services. You may also register in person during regular business hours at the Community Recreation Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Call the Community Recreation Center, 615-3140, for more information.



Children can sign up now for
summer musical

Young aspiring performers, ages 6-13, will have the chance to shine this summer in an exciting Roberta Jones Junior Theatre production of *Disney’s Aladdin, Jr.* Participants will receive training in acting, singing, and dancing as they prepare their own musical production.

Class meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. starting April 1. Casting will take place at the first class. There is no need to audition and all children enrolled in the program will participate in the production. Performances will be on June 12 at 7 p.m., and June 13 and 14 at 2 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Call 615-3161 for more information.

Beginning judo class for boys,
girls, and adults

The P.A.L. Judo Club will offer a beginning six-week judo class on Thursday evenings, 6:45-7:45 p.m., March 5 – April 9, at the Cabrillo Middle School Cafeteria, 2550 Cabrillo Ave. Register at the Cafeteria beginning at 6:15 p.m. on March 5. The fee is \$35 for the six-week session. Class members should wear loose clothing such as sweat suits or a Gi judo uniform if available. For more information, contact Coach Keith Watanabe at 278-5627, or the P.A.L. office at 615-4880.

Beginning wrestling for boys, girls

P.A.L. is offering the fundamentals of high school and Olympic freestyle wrestling. The program is open to all Santa Clara residents or students of the Santa Clara Unified School District, ages 5-17. Coaches Ted Pettigrew (Wilcox High School) and Jim Wilks (Cabrillo Middle School) will provide instruction, assisted by Wilcox High School Wrestling Team members. Winter/spring wrestling will be held Mondays, March 2 through April 6, at the Cabrillo Middle School Cafeteria, 2550 Cabrillo Ave. The first session from 5 to 6:45 p.m. is for ages 5-11; second session from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. for ages 12-17. Signups accepted Monday through Thursday, 1-5 p.m., at the Santa Clara P.A.L. Office, Santa Clara Police Department, 601 El Camino Real, 3rd floor, Room 311. Participants may also register during the first session on March 2. Registration is \$35 and includes a t-shirt, lessons and insurance; a birth certificate must be submitted with each application. For more information, contact Officer Rob Paolinetti at 615-4880.

For information on PAL-GAL Softball, see page 7.



It's spring! Get out and about in Santa Clara!

Natural Blunders exhibit at de Saisset Museum

Through March 20

Santa Clara's de Saisset Museum hosts "Natural Blunders," an exhibition featuring nature as a departure point for compelling and resonant works of art. Artists in the show address the historically antagonist relationship between humans and nature. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Tours are also available to community groups and individuals. To schedule a docent-led tour of the exhibitions, call 554-4528 or email rnadel@scu.edu. More information about the de Saisset Museum can be found online at scu.edu/deSaisset.

Farmers Market Every Saturday



Celebrate the return of spring by visiting the year-round Downtown Farmers Market held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street. This weekly event allows residents to purchase fresh produce and flowers directly from growers. The "Growers Certificate" hanging at the farmer's stand is issued by the County Agriculture Commissioner and authorizes the farmer to sell only the crops listed and grown by them. Questions? Call (510) 745-7100.

Indoor Sculpture Exhibition Through July

The fifth Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition, sponsored by the City of Santa Clara's Cultural Advisory Commission, currently fills the corridors of City Hall with a wide variety of nearly 70 sculptures. A jury consisting of Commissioners from the City's Cultural Advisory Commission selected the sculptures, which range from the whimsical to the evocative. "The show really represents a wide range of serious sculptural thought," says Michelle Castro, herself a professional mixed-media artist and one of the Commissioners who played a leading role in arranging the Santa Clara exhibition. "The Bay Area arts community has given a strong response and welcome to this biennial show." On display through July, 2009, the show is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 615-2210.



68th Annual Camellia Show Sat-Sun, March 7 & 8

The 68th Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Santa Clara County Camellia Society and the City's Parks & Recreation Department, will be held on March 7 and 8 at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Thousands of delicate blooms of different sizes and colors will delight your senses as you stroll through the displays. There is a camellia to fit any



size garden or patio, and experts will be available at the show to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces. The free show is open for viewing on Saturday, from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Saturday, March 7, from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Novices and children are encouraged to enter their camellias. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place your entry. For more information, call 615-3080.

Triton Art Museum Exhibitions March 7-May 17

"Diverse Impressions: Bay Area Abstraction" presents the work of seven contemporary Bay Area artists, while the "Lisa Marie Ramirez" exhibition showcases highly personal art narratives of one artist who explores connections between the physical and spiritual worlds. Participating abstract artists include Tracey Adams, Lou Birmingham, Heather Gordon, Liz Maxwell, Maxine Solomon, Lola Walker, and Mirang Wonne. Also continuing through May 10 at the Triton is the "Therese May: Riding the Horse" exhibition which displays some of the art quilts of the internationally-recognized artist Therese May. The Triton Museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave. and is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. For more details, visit the Triton Museum website at tritonmuseum.org.

SHOWTIME 2009 Fri-Sun, March 13-15

Come cheer the heroes and boo the villains in "Splitting Hares or Three's a Crowd," a thrilling melodrama that tops an evening of entertainment, fun and prizes at SHOWTME 2009. Performances are set for March 13, 14 and 15 at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Pre-shows start Friday and Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.



The annual production is presented by the Santa Clara Women's League as a fundraising event for the Santa Clara Senior Center's health and wellness program. Long-time Santa Clara resident Cleo Stuckrath was the driving force behind the establishment of SHOWTIME in 1982. Every year, she is the heart and soul that rallies many in the community to participate in the annual, good old-fashion entertainment.

Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. For more information, go to SantaClaraShowtime.net or call 615-3170.

Band Concert Sat, March 14

"The Ambassadors Band," under the direction of David Ladd Anderson, will perform with the Gaukugeiken Band from Okayama High School in Japan, from 6 to 9 p.m. The Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and San Jose-Okayama Sister City Organization are co-hosts for this international concert at Santa Clara University's Mayer Theater. Tickets are \$10. For information, contact Debi Davis at debid56@comcast.net.

Friends of the Library Book Sales Sat, March 21, April 18, May 16

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain, and support the Santa Clara City Library by purchasing books at the Friends of the Library Book Sales this spring. The book sales will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Visit

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QUICK CALENDAR

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Sat, April 11

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Sun, April 19

Arbor Day/Earth Day
Fri, April 24

Fish Derby
Sat, April 25

Mission City Run for Fun
Sun, April 26

"Fashion Forward" Benefit Fashion Show
Fri, May 1

Santa Clara Garden Tour
Sat, May 9

Bike To Work Day
Thur, May 14

Opera San Jose to Perform at Library
Wed, May 20

NASA Missions
Wed, June 3

Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show
Sun, June 14

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lovethelibrary.org for more information about the Foundation and Friends of the Santa Clara City Library or call 615-2987.

The Wizard of Oz

Fri-Sun, March 27-29, April 3-4

The classic MGM film is brought to the stage in this dazzling version performed by Roberta Jones Junior Theatre participants ages 8-18. With famous, well-loved songs such as "Over the Rainbow," "Ding-Dong the Witch is Dead," and "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," *The Wizard of Oz* will give your family memories to cherish for years to come. Performances will be held at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, located at Wilcox High School, 3250 Monroe St. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$6 for adults. Ticket order forms are available online or at the Community Recreation Center. Show times are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Call 615-3161 or go to RJIT.org for more information.



Family Art Day at the Triton Museum

Sat, March 28

Join the Triton Museum of Art in celebrating the 39th annual Santa Clara Unified School District Student Art Exhibition at Family Art Day, 2-4 p.m. View wonderful works of art from K-12 students. There will also be hands-on art activities and fun for families. This event is supported by Target Stores, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation. The Triton Museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave.

Sister Cities Potluck

Sun, March 29

Santa Clara residents are welcome to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association at a potluck dinner for a small delegation of junior high students visiting from Izumo, Japan. The event will be held at the Santa Clara Senior Center. To attend, contact Debi Davis at debid56@comcast.net.

Agatha Christie Mystery

Thur-Sun, April 3-25

Santa Clara Players will present "And Then There Were None," one of Agatha Christie's best-known mysteries, at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion on April 3-4, 10-12, 16-19, and 23-25. Eight guests who have never met each other are lured to the island off the coast of Devon and marooned with two house servants. A mysterious voice accuses each of having gotten away with murder and then one drops dead—poisoned. One down and nine to go! Curtain time is 8 p.m. for evening performances and 2:30 p.m. for matinees. Tickets are \$15 with senior and student discounts available. Opening night tickets on April 3 are \$18 and include a champagne reception. For information about this production or other one-act shows popular with retirement homes, churches and community groups, call 248-7993.

Model Train Show

Sat-Sun, April 4-5

Model trains and railroad artifacts are the focus of the Spring Model Train Show at the historic Santa Clara Depot from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Two museum-quality model railroad layouts and a collection of railroad artifacts – many provided by local families steeped in railroad history – will be on display.



The HO and N-scale model train displays at the Santa Clara Depot are works in process. The HO-scale layout is undergoing a transformation more in keeping with its theme of local railroading and numerous scenes on the layout have been updated recently. The layout operates in an era ending in 1959, meaning that scenery (structures, industries and businesses) and vehicles are consistent with real railroad operations of that era. The N-scale layout operates in roughly the same era.

Another focus of the train show is the organization's Company Store, which sells used model railroad trains, and railroad memorabilia, books,

magazines and videos.

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1985 to restore and maintain the historic former Southern Pacific Santa Clara Depot and to maintain a museum and a library of railroad-related information.

The Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History includes a collection of railroad lanterns and many historic trackside and grade crossing signaling devices, as well as memorabilia that celebrates the heritage of local railroad workers. The Santa Clara interlocking control tower, which for many years stood sentry over the adjacent rail yard, will be open for tours between 12 noon and 4 p.m. each day, weather permitting.

A donation of \$5 for adults will be collected at the entrance to the depot. Admission for those under 18 is free. For more information, visit the SBHRS website at sbhrs.org or leave a recorded message at 243-3969.

Fair Housing Then and Now

Tue, April 7

Ann Marquart, Executive Director of Project Sentinel, will discuss the history of fair housing discrimination in America, the laws created to end housing discrimination, and how fair housing practices are enforced and promoted locally, at 7 p.m. at the Central Park Library. The event is part of Silicon Valley Reads 2009 whose selected book, *Not a Genuine Black Man* by Brian Copeland, describes the housing discrimination experience of the author's family in San Leandro in the 1970s.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sat, April 11



On your mark...get set...go to the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park. Now in its 35th year, the hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, rain or shine, and will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with divisions for ages 2 and under, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and special needs. Parking is limited. Families are encouraged to arrive early and take part in the pre-hunt activities that will start at 9 a.m. For a nominal fee, families will have the opportunity to participate in a petting zoo sponsored by the Homesteaders 4H, face painting by the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre, and photographs with the Easter Bunny. There will be a concession booth with tasty morning snacks for sale, too. Don't forget your Easter basket to hold your candy! This

popular event is sponsored by the Santa Clara Kiwanis, Santa Clara Elks Lodge #2347, and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. Call 615-3140 for more information.

6th Annual Ulistac Appreciation Day

Sun, April 19

Bring the whole family to Ulistac Natural Area for a day of fun and exploration! Plant a native plant, learn about the Ohlone history of the park, and take home California wildflower seeds for your own garden. This Sunday event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Ulistac Outreach Center at 554-5419, or ulistac@scu.edu.

Arbor Day/Earth Day

Fri, April 24

The 21st award to Santa Clara as a "Tree City, U.S.A." will highlight the annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Triton Museum, 1505 Warburton Ave. The award from the National Arbor Day Foundation recognizes Santa Clara for its effective tree care program, which includes an integrated pest management system, increased tree plantings, continuing education for City tree crews, and computerized irrigation for all landscaping throughout the City in public rights-of-way and medians. The Arbor Day/Earth Day event will include guest speakers, information on tree care, and ideas on things everyone can do to help preserve the earth's natural resources. Guests will include members of the City Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and children from local schools. For more information, call 615-3080.



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Fish Derby

Sat, April 25



Children age 3-11 can try their luck fishing at the annual Fish Derby. This free event will be held from 6-11 a.m. at the Santa Clara Civic Center Plaza, where the reflection pool will be transformed into a fishing pond filled with active, healthy trout for the children to catch. Rods and bait will be provided. The Santa Clara Kiwanis Club, Santa Clara Elks Club, Santa Clara Lions Club, Mission City Community Fund, and Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department sponsor this event, with support from a variety of

local community groups. Call the Parks & Recreation office at 615-2260 for more information.

Mission City Run for Fun 2009 at California's Great America

Sun, April 26

Be a part of the *Mission City Run for Fun 2009* at California's Great America and stay to enjoy the theme park on race day. This 5K Fun Run (beginning at 7:45 a.m.), or 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk (beginning at 8 a.m.) will be held on Sunday, April 26. All runners will receive a race t-shirt, a finisher medal, and free admission into the park on the day of the race. The run and walk will be held at Great America, on paved paths among the roller coasters, other theme park thrill rides and family entertainment areas.

Register early! Reduced race fees apply through April 15 and are as follows: Adults \$35, Children (12 and under) \$15, Family Package (2 adults and 2 children) \$90, Corporate Challenge (4 runners) \$140, and Children under age 2 are free. Registration rates increase after April 16. Parking at Great America is free to race participants on race day if you arrive by 7:30 a.m. Proceeds from this event benefit education and seniors within the Santa Clara through the community non-profit, Mission City Community Fund.

Register online at active.com. Sponsors for this event are also needed. Contact Dan MacNaughton at 731-4194 or email dmacnaughton@keypointcu.com.

To avoid the lines, race day packets may be picked up in advance at KeyPoint Community Center, 2805 Bowers Ave., on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Race day packets can also be picked up at the theme park on race day, but participants should arrive as early as possible.

The *Mission City Run for Fun 2009* is co-sponsored KeyPoint Credit Union, and California's Great America.

"Fashion Forward" Benefit Fashion Show

Fri, May 1

Join the City of Santa Clara Youth Commission for a night of fashion, silent auction, raffle and desserts. The event, 7-10 p.m. at the Santa Clara Teen Center, will help raise money for two worthy causes: one to help the Santa Clara Unified School District purchase and install Automatic External Defibrillators at local schools, and the other to support the Community Service Scholarship Fund.

Admission is \$10. Attendees can receive \$5 off if they bring a lightly worn prom dress to donate to the Princess Project, an organization that collects prom dresses and accessories for girls who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to buy them. For more information, call Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.

Santa Clara Garden Tour

Sat, May 9

The Santa Clara Woman's Club and the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara are co-hosting a tour of six Santa Clara gardens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour includes the beautiful gardens at the Woman's Club Adobe at 3260 The Alameda, the Harris-Lass Museum Historic Preserve at 1889 Market St., plus the lovely landscaped gardens of four private homes in Santa Clara. You may also take a free home tour of the Harris-Lass Museum after touring the gardens there and the Museum Gift Shop will be open. Vendors will also be selling special gifts suitable for Mother's Day at The Woman's Club Adobe. Garden tour tickets are \$15 each and include light refreshments at the Franck Mansion on Washington Street. For tickets, contact Anita at 296-5949 or Mary Ann at 248-7897. Advance ticket purchase is required.

Bike To Work Day

Thur, May 14

Bike or walk to work on the annual Bike To Work Day! With the help of the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, the City of Santa Clara will host an Energizer Station at the northeast corner of El Camino Real and Lincoln Street from 6:30- 9 a.m. with free refreshments for Bike To Work Day participants. More information on Bike To Work Day can be found on the following website: bicycling.511.org/btwd08.htm.



Opera San Jose to Perform at Library

Wed, May 20

Opera San Jose will perform at Central Park Library on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Redwood Room. Celebrating its silver anniversary this season, the professional, regional opera company specializes in showcasing young talented singers from around the country who are in the first years of their careers. Opera San Jose has been performing in the restored California Theater since 2004, and offers educational opera programs in the area, as well. This will be the company's third presentation at Santa Clara City Library. Several singers will perform selected arias from operas presented during the current and past seasons. This Opera San Jose event is made possible by the generous donation of a member of the Foundation & Friends of Santa Clara City Library. To reserve a place at this free opera program, contact the Reference Desk at 615-2900.

NASA Missions

Wed, June 3

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris returns to give another of his popular multi-media presentations on NASA Mission updates. The program will be held at 7 p.m. in the Central Park Library's Redwood Room. Watch for other special programs with Eric celebrating 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy. Find out more about these exciting free events on the Library's website, library.santaclaraca.gov, and sign up at the Reference Desk or call 615-2900.

Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show

Sun, June 14

The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. will be the setting for an "Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show" from 1 – 4 p.m. Guests will be served tea, scones, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries, while watching a vintage hat and fashion show featuring costumes and dress of the 19th and early 20th century. Guests will also receive a pass to return, at a later date, for a private tour of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House with its delightful antique collections. The event is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited to 100. Contact Maria at 246-3822 for more information or to reserve tickets, or leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass House Museum at 249-7905.

Students can apply for scholarships and technical grants to study energy, power

Students who are interested in careers related to energy services and the power industry are invited to apply for a \$5,000 scholarship or a \$2,000 technical grant. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 20, 2009.

The financial awards are sponsored by Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara's municipal Electric Utility, to help assure an educated workforce to manage energy and power needs in the future. Up to three \$5,000 scholarships and up to five technical tuition grants of \$2,000 each will be awarded.

The \$5,000 scholarships are open to students attending a community or four-year college and majoring in field related to energy and power, such as engineering, technology and environmental science. The \$2,000 technical grants are available to individuals pursuing professional development in careers such as lineman, apprenticeship training programs and solar installers at technical schools or community colleges.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Clara and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, possess a high school diploma or be a high school senior, and be enrolled in a fully licensed and accredited community college, college or technical school.

Applications are available online at siliconvalleypower.com/scholarship and by calling 261-5036.



Spring is a great time to volunteer

Gardening help needed at Ulistac

Volunteers are needed to continue the restoration and maintenance of the California native vegetation and preserve the wildlife habitat of Ulistac Natural Area, 40 acres of open space that showcase the way this valley looked more than a century ago. Workdays are March 7 and 15, April 4 and 19, May 2 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy work shoes, be equipped with sunscreen and hats, and bring a lunch and plenty of water for drinking. Gloves and tools are provided.

Ulistac Natural Area is located along the Guadalupe River on Lick Mill Boulevard south of Tasman Drive. Public access is provided from Lick Mill Boulevard and the creek side trail along the Guadalupe River. The park is open every day from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

A brochure for self-guided tours, funded by a grant from Applied Materials, is available at the site and trails have interpretive panels to provide additional information on the natural history of the area. Visit the website at scu.edu/envs/ulistac, call 554-5419, or email ulistac@scu.edu for more information.

Spend time at Animal Care Center

Adults, age 18 and older, are needed to help animals in our community at the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority's (SVACA) Animal Care Center, the only cageless shelter in the county. Positions include:

- Cat Volunteer: Exercise, groom, and socialize adoptable cats.
- Dog Volunteer: Train, exercise and groom adoptable dogs.
- Foster Parent: Provide food, care, and socialization for young, sick or injured animals in your home.

Volunteers must attend an orientation at the SVACA Animal Care Center, 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara, and be prepared to follow all of SVACA's rules and policies. For dates and times of orientations, contact SVACA at 764-0344 or visit svaca.com.

SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Santa Clara, Campbell and Monte Sereno. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area.

"One of SVACA's goals is to place all of our adoptable animals into permanent and loving homes and thus far we've been able to do so with the help of our dedicated volunteers," says SVACA Shelter Manager Michael Limper.

Build a community of readers

Last year, volunteer tutors helped the Read Santa Clara literacy program provide free one-on-one and small group tutoring to 113 English-speaking adults who needed help with basic reading, writing, and math skills. More volunteers are needed to help additional individuals increase their skills this year.

Read Santa Clara is hosting orientations for potential volunteers on Tuesday, March 24 and Thursday, April 16, 6:30–8 p.m. at the Mission Library Family Reading Center, 1098 Lexington St., Santa Clara. Prior teaching experience is not required. All volunteer tutors are provided 14 hours of training before they are matched with adult learners.

"Before I came to the program, I could not read. The program has helped me a lot. I had a hard time reading my mail before. Now I can understand what I am reading. I am learning how to use the computer. I never knew how to use it before. It is helping me at work. I am learning how to email. I filled out forms to find housing for me, my wife and two sons. Last month, I wrote a note to my wife for the first time," writes Tom, an adult learner with Read Santa Clara.

Learners in Read Santa Clara must be 16 years or older, not currently enrolled in high school, able to speak enough English to carry on a conversation, and willing to meet with their tutor for at least two hours each week for a minimum period of six months.

"I became a tutor at Read Santa Clara to share the awakening of reading with my learner. To be able to apply for a job or to complete school forms for your child is priceless. What a time I've had being a tutor! I have been involved with truly changing someone's future, and it is a very fine feeling to go home with," reflects Nancy, a volunteer tutor, in Read Santa Clara's book of learner writings, *In Our Own Words, Volume VIII*. (The book is available for checkout from the Adult New Reader Collection in the Library.)

For more information on how to become a volunteer tutor, or to refer someone who needs reading help, call Read Santa Clara at 615-2956, or email readsantaclara@santaclaraca.gov.

Opportunities for Teens

Sister Cities Showcase of Young Artists 2009 call for entries

"Your Path to Peace" is the theme for Santa Clara Sister Cities Showcase of Young Artists 2009 that invites Santa Clara students, ages 13 - 18, to interpret the theme in works of art. Deadline for entries is March 13.

All entries must be the design and original artwork of the entrant. Watercolor, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, two dimensional mixed media, as well as computer generated art, are all acceptable media.

Each contestant will receive a \$25 gift certificate from University Art, and the winner receives a \$100 cash award plus the opportunity to compete in the International Sister Cities contest with young artists from around the world. This year two winners of the International Sister Cities contest will be awarded \$1,200 cash and a trip to Belfast, Ireland to participate in the International Youth Conference held July 2009. Artwork will then tour internationally.

Applications and entry rules may be picked up at Santa Clara City Libraries, the Santa Clara Teen Center, the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Office at City Hall, Wilcox or Santa Clara High Schools and the Triton Museum of Art. Completed artwork and applications may also be dropped off at these locations: Santa Clara Central Library, Santa Clara Teen Center, and the Triton Museum of Art.

For information contact Debbie Pavao at 244-9428 or email dpavao.scsca@gmail.com. Please put SCSCA Art Contest in the subject line.

Youth Commission 2009-10 applications due March 27

Applications for the 2009-10 Santa Clara Youth Commission must be submitted to the Teen Center no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27. All applicants who meet the qualifications will be invited to take part in an interview on Saturday, April 25, where they will be rated on communication skills, leadership potential, commitment/dedication and enthusiasm/interest.

The 15-member Youth Commission is comprised of young adults, ages 12-19, residing in Santa Clara. They meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May, at the Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to the youth and teen population, especially as related to municipal programs and projects in Santa Clara. Members of the 2009-2010 Youth Commission will be announced in May.

Applications can be picked up at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Central Park Library, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, City Hall or in the counseling offices at Santa Clara Unified Middle and High Schools. For more information call Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.

Apply for a Community Service Scholarship

Applications for a community service scholarship available to high school juniors and graduating seniors residing in Santa Clara are due by Friday, March 27, at 5 p.m. Students must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average and have contributed in some way toward the Santa Clara community. All applicants who meet the qualifications will be invited to take part in an interview on Saturday, April 25.

The scholarship was started by the City of Santa Clara Youth Commission to recognize teens who are committed to making a difference in their community.

Applications are available at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall or at Santa Clara Unified School District high school counseling offices. For information, contact Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.

Sign up for PAL GAL Softball Major League

New and returning players for the Santa Clara PAL GAL Softball Major League for young women ages 13-16 need to register for the program in early April. Deadline for returning players is April 3 and deadline for new players is April 10.

Tryouts for team placement are scheduled on Saturday, April 11, at Elmer Johnson Softball Field and Saturday, April 25, at Central Park. Practice begins in May and the season begins in June and ends in July.

For more information visit the PAL website santaclarapal.org or call 615-4880.

For more P.A.L. opportunities, see page 3.



It's spring cleaning time at home, in the community

Help get rid of graffiti



Graffiti is detrimental to property values, adversely affects quality of life and community attractiveness. When graffiti is allowed to remain, it invites yet more graffiti and may lead to an increase in vandalism and other criminal activity. Rapid removal is considered key to controlling and eradicating graffiti.

Contact the Police Department's Dial-a-Tip/Graffiti Hotline at 241-9495 to report graffiti and/or suspect information. Dial 911 to report graffiti or other crimes in progress. Information leading to the identity and apprehension of a person who defaces any building or property with graffiti in the City of Santa Clara may qualify for a monetary reward of \$250 through the Graffiti Eradication Program.

Reporting graffiti on public property: Contact the Street Department at 615-3080 and identify the location, describe what was vandalized, provide any suspect information, and estimated time when you witnessed the vandalism. Your report will be directed to the appropriate person for graffiti removal. Graffiti observed on non-City public property is reported to the responsible public agency. In some cases, the City works directly with these other agencies to assist in the timely removal of this graffiti.

Reporting graffiti on private property: Contact the Street Department at 615-3080 to report graffiti on private property. The Street Department conducts a Graffiti Abatement Program for graffiti on private property. Street Department personnel notifies property owners of the existence of graffiti on their property and requests that it be removed as swiftly as possible.

Remove old television antennas

Cable television and satellite dishes are replacing the once ubiquitous television antenna. If you are no longer using your rooftop antenna, it can be disposed of easily in one of three convenient ways:



- 1) Antennas can be broken into small pieces and put in the black garbage cart for disposal through the City's weekly curbside collection program.
- 2) Place antennas curbside during the Annual Clean-Up Campaign, which runs from March 9 through April 3.
- 3) Sims Metal in San Jose will pay for old television antennas taken to its 1900 Monterey Road facility. No appointment is needed. Call 494-4200 for more information.

Annual Clean-Up Campaign is March 9-April 3

Santa Clara's 49th Annual Clean-Up Campaign will begin on March 9 and continue through April 3. This is your opportunity to set out bulky wastes and discards not routinely collected by weekly garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection services. Please read the following information carefully to help make the 2009 Clean-Up Campaign a success.





Collection Areas and Dates

The City has been divided into four collection areas (*see map at right*). Information on collection areas, weeks and setout dates can be found in this article, in the 2009 City Calendar, or in your February utility bill insert.

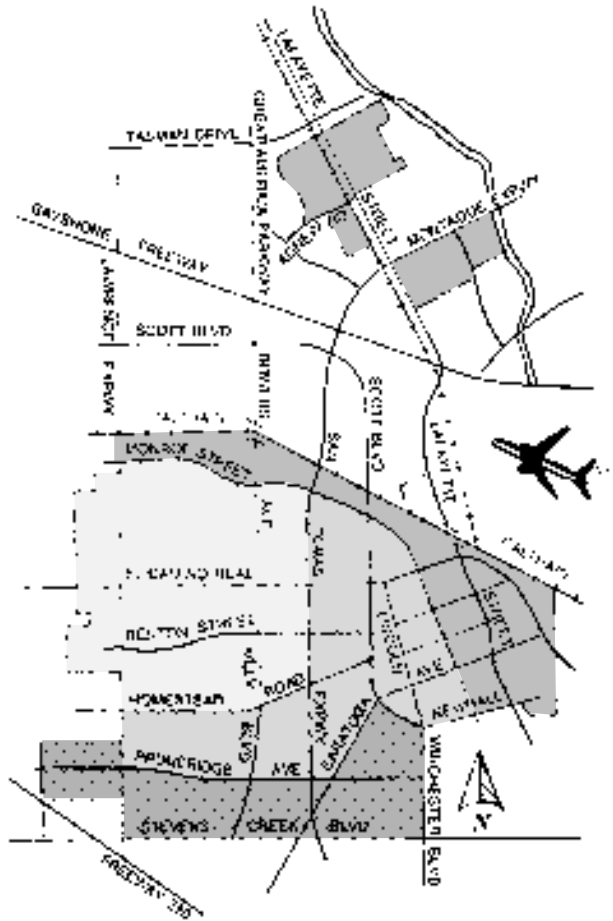
What will and won't be collected—

- Materials for the Clean-Up Campaign should be placed in the gutter in front of your house before 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated collection week.
- NO food or bathroom waste, garbage, automobiles, automobile parts containing fluids, medical waste, liquids, explosives, ammunition, or hazardous wastes (including batteries or fluorescent bulbs or tubes) will be accepted.
- Contractor-generated materials (construction or demolition debris, landscaping debris, tree trimmings/removal) are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
- Appliances, tires and e-waste (i.e., electronic waste — anything requiring a plug or battery to operate) cannot go into the landfill and should be set out separately from the rest of your materials. Special crews will pick up these items. It is the owner's responsibility to remove any door with latch mechanisms prior to setout to prevent accidents.
- Alternatively, residents may choose to recycle working refrigerators or

49th Annual Clean-Up Campaign

-  **Area #1 (March 9):** Both sides of Monroe Street. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 7, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 9.
-  **Area #2 (March 16):** Both sides of Homestead Road between San Tomas Expressway and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 14, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 16.
-  **Area #3 (March 23):** Both sides of Newhall Street between Saratoga Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Both sides of Saratoga Avenue between Scott Boulevard and Pruneridge Avenue. North side of Pruneridge Avenue between Saratoga Avenue and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 21, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 23.
-  **Area #4 (March 30):** South side of Pruneridge Avenue and north side of Pruneridge Avenue west of Lawrence Expressway and east of Saratoga Avenue. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 28, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 30.

CALL 615-3080 BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 4:00 PM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



freezers and receive a rebate of \$35 from the Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara's Municipal Electric Utility. Residential customers may recycle up to a maximum of two units per household and must own the appliances. Customers should call Jaco Environmental toll free at 1-877-577-0510 to recycle a refrigerator or freezer. The refrigerator/freezers must be in working order and at least 14 cubic feet. For additional information about the Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling Program only, please call 244-SAVE (7283).

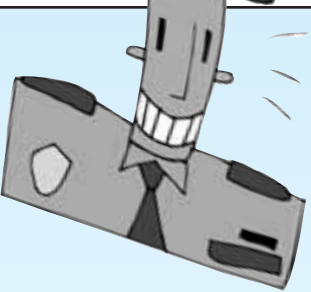
- Brush, branches, and wood should be cut to 6-foot lengths, stacked separately from other materials and placed parallel to the curb. Green waste can also be disposed of through the weekly Clean Green collection program at no extra charge.
- Hazardous materials may be disposed of through the County's Household Hazardous Drop-Off Program on April 25. Call 299-7300 for an appointment. [See page 13 for more information.](#)

Follow the rules

- Park vehicles in your garage or driveway during your assigned collection week so it is easier for Clean-Up crews to maneuver. If you must park on the street, please park at least five feet away from piles.
- Use the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program to dispose of hazardous waste (paint, batteries, oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, medical waste, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc). These materials pose a health and safety

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CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



Q Recently, I have been awakened in the early morning by the sounds of construction work at a neighboring property. Is there a law regarding noise in the early morning?

A The Santa Clara City Code establishes limits for noise during daytime and nighttime hours for both residential and commercial properties so that residents are allowed to enjoy peace in their home during the late night and early morning hours.

Construction sites within 300 feet of any residentially zoned property have limitations on the times that construction work can be performed. Generally, construction work is limited to the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Construction work is not permitted on Sundays and select holidays. Some exemptions are granted for certain work such as emergency repair and work being performed by the owner of single-family or duplex residential properties.

During normal business hours, complaints regarding construction noise should be directed to the City’s Planning & Inspection Department at 615-2460. Before or after work hours, complaints should be directed to the Police Department at 615-5580.

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- risk to Clean-Up crews and the environment when placed in piles. A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event will be held in Santa Clara on Saturday, April 25. You can make an appointment to attend the Santa Clara drop-off event, or any of the other scheduled drop-off events held throughout the County, by calling 299-7300. Illegal set-out of hazardous materials is subject to a \$500 fine.
- Do not set out materials in the street before the Saturday prior to your assigned collection week. Early set-outs alert people who do not live in Santa Clara that the Clean-Up Campaign is starting. Illegal dumping and scavenging are more prevalent in areas with early set-outs. Early set-outs (prior to the Saturday preceding your collection week) are subject to a \$100 fine.
 - If you witness illegal dumping, get the driver and vehicle description, and vehicle license number and call 615-3080 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or 615-5580 (after 4 p.m. and weekends).
 - A total of one cubic yard of concrete, asphalt, dirt, brick, rock, stone or sod generated from a single residence will be collected at no charge. Additional amounts are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
 - Materials set out late will be collected for a fee of \$25 per cubic yard. Late set-outs are materials placed in the street after 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.
 - Do not place piles in front of curbs painted red for “No Parking,” as large piles can obstruct the view of motorists pulling out of driveways. Do not place piles in alleys or private streets. Do not place piles against fences, retaining walls, hydrants, or landscaping.
 - Materials must be placed in the street, by the curb, in front of the house where the materials are generated (if on a private street, materials must be placed on nearest public street). Placing materials in front of a neighbor’s house will be construed as illegal dumping.
 - Do NOT trim or remove City street trees. This is a violation of City Code 12.35.020 and subject to a \$1,000 fine. Call 615-3080 for more information.
 - Violation notices will be left at homes where materials have been improperly set out. If you have questions about what can be set out or need assistance in determining which collection area you live in, please contact the Street Department at 615-3080.

Reminder: Many items that are placed out each year can be reused or recycled. Please use the following list to call nonprofit organizations to collect usable items:

• Hope Rehabilitation Services	748-2875
• United Cancer Research Society	(800) 443-4224
• RAFT – Resource Area For Teachers	451-1420
• St. Vincent de Paul	993-9500
• Salvation Army	958-7825
• Cityteam Family Services	293-4657
• American Cancer Society	265-5535
• San Jose Family Shelter	926-8885
• Santa Clara Children’s Shelter	558-5400

For additional organizations that accept items for reuse, contact the County Recycling Hotline at (800) 533-8414. For additional information on the Annual Clean-Up Campaign, contact the City at 615-3080.

Keep storm drains free of construction waste

As the weather gets nicer, many residents consider a home remodeling project or doing some type of construction work on their properties. One of the primary contributors to storm water pollution may be from disposal of concrete and cement-related product wastes, including plaster and tile cuttings, into the storm drain system.



Storm drains are not connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment plants. The purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. In Santa Clara Valley, storm drains on your street may be stenciled with “No Dumping – Flows to Bay” or a similar message. The water (and any pollutants) in these storm drains flows directly to local creeks, rivers, lakes and estuaries, which eventually go to San Francisco Bay, with no treatment. As a result, polluted waters in the storm drains can have an adverse effect on fish, invertebrates and the aquatic environment. When contractors aren’t careful, concrete, mortar and masonry wastes can be easily washed into the City’s storm drain systems and eventually into San Francisco Bay.

Residents can protect water quality and prevent storm water pollution by making sure that their contractors are careful with the handling and disposal of concrete during home improvement projects. The prevention of storm water pollution is a responsibility shared by everyone involved.

If you use contractors, make sure your contractor:

- Establishes a clean-up area before starting work
- Minimizes use of water in clean-up
- Rinses mixers, tools, and trailers and equipment onto an isolated dirt area where rinse water won’t run into the gutter, or places a wheelbarrow under the chute and/or other equipment to catch rinse water, and wheels it to a dirt area for disposal
- Rinses exposed aggregate onto a dirt area away from streets, storm drains or creeks
- Uses the preferred practice for disposing cement wash water, which is to contain the wash water on soil, preferably in a bowl-shaped area to prevent the wash water from flowing out of the washout area
- Is familiar with the practices listed, or includes them in your contract.

Following concrete delivery, it is a typical practice to rinse the excess concrete from trucks, chutes, and other equipment before the material can harden. Concrete finishing activities, such as exposed aggregate for driveways, use wash water to remove the surface of the concrete to create the desired finish. Some concrete contractors hose cement waste and construction materials into the gutter and down the storm drain. In addition to having a toxic effect on fish and other aquatic life, concrete rinsed to the storm drain system may solidify in the curbs, gutters, drains and pipes, restricting water flow and causing blockages. It is prohibited by law.

Deal only with reputable contractors because you are responsible for your contractor’s actions. If you have any questions about whether a contractor is properly licensed to do the work, contact the California State Contractors License Board at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). Inform contractors that rinsing trucks or equipment in the street or near a storm drain endangers wildlife in our creeks and the Bay – and it’s illegal! In the case where a municipality is involved with concrete/masonry clean-up, the responsible party shall be liable for the full cost of the municipality’s clean-up. Costs include clean-up, as well as the removal and proper disposal of all debris and construction waste from the exterior of the work site.

If you notice any unusual substance in or around your storm drain or creeks, or if you witness an illegal dumping violation in the City of Santa Clara, immediately call 911.

Other questions? Contact Elliot Weir at 615-3080.

General Plan

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public is also invited to provide feedback on it as it goes through the review and approval process.

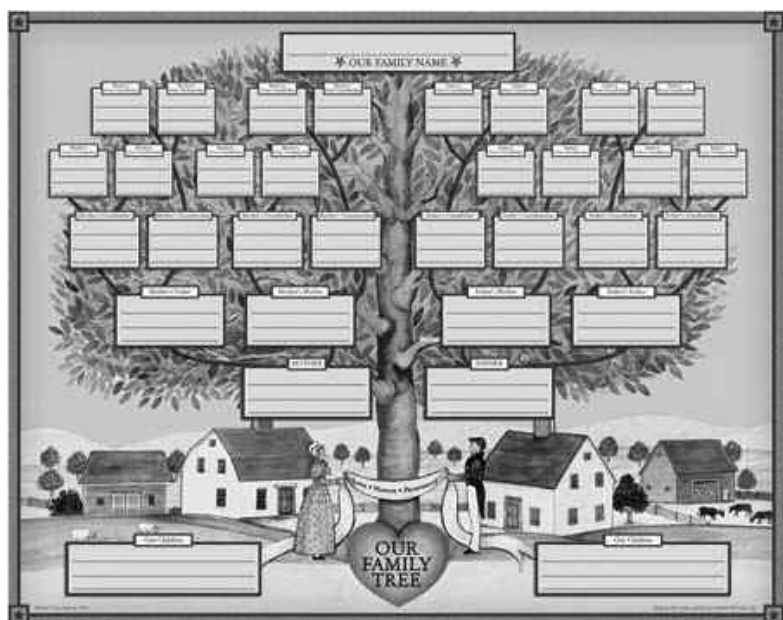
The public can view working papers and other reports prepared to date on the website at santaclaragp.com and at the Library and Planning Department office. You can sign up to receive notifications of future General Plan meetings on the website, by calling City Planning staff at 615-2450, or by sending an email to dhanderson@santaclaraca.gov.



Library Update



Learn about genealogy at Library programs this spring



The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society will sponsor several programs and seminars this spring at the Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd. All of the following events are open to the public.

'How I Used Records from the National Archives and National Personnel Records Center to illuminate my Father's World War II Army History' – Tuesday, March 17, 7-8:45 p.m., Redwood Room

Last year Kay Gutknecht gave a popular program on how she compiled, wrote, edited, and self-published a book, *We Were Foxhole Buddies*, on her father's experiences in World War II. This year she is back to talk specifically about how she documented and fact-checked the stories, battle histories, and names in the book by doing research at the National Archives in Maryland and the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. The program will explain: records available at each location, information contained in the records, how the records work together to tell a story, protocols for gaining access to the records, and preparing for an onsite visit.

A Special Genealogy Lecture: Presenting Christine Rose – Saturday, April 25, 1:30-4 p.m., Redwood Room

Christine Rose is a Certified Genealogist and Genealogical Lecturer, and a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. She is renowned for speaking at genealogical seminars throughout the United States, and for the many genealogy "how-to" books she has authored. She will present a lecture titled *Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri*. A selection of her books will be available for sale and autographing following the talk, which is co-sponsored by the Genealogy Society and the Foundation & Friends of Santa Clara City Library.

Beginner's Genealogy Seminar Part I: The Basics – Saturday, May 2, 1-4 p.m., Cedar Room

A representative of the Genealogy Society will review the basics of getting started in genealogy and family history research—where to look for information, how to use basic genealogy forms and pedigree charts, and how to document sources found.

Beginner's Genealogy Seminar Part II: Internet & Census Research – Saturday, May 16, 1-4 p.m., Redwood Room

A Genealogy Society representative will show the types of genealogy websites that can be searched for free on the Internet and demonstrate how to use and interpret Census records for genealogical research.

Sign ups are requested for the Genealogy Seminars (handouts will be available) in the second floor Heritage Pavilion at Central Park Library, or email the Genealogy Society at scchgs@hotmail.com, or leave your name and phone number or email on the Society's voicemail line at 615-2986.

What's New for Genealogists & Local History Researchers from Central Park Library – Tuesday, May 19, 7-8:45 p.m., Cedar Room

Local History Librarian Mary Hanel will review some of the new resources provided by the Library to genealogists and historians in the past year. These include some new databases added to *Ancestry Library Edition*, the *Historical San Jose Mercury News* database, some excellent genealogy books, and an upcoming redesign of the Library's homepage with a button for Genealogy. For more information, contact Mary Hanel at mhanel@santaclaraca.gov, or call 615-2909.

Central Park Library celebrates 5th anniversary with special programs

Since opening its doors in April 2004, Santa Clara's Central Park Library has been a popular facility for the community, attracting approximately 6.8 million visitors. More than 13 million items from the collection have been borrowed, and 2,150 adult and youth programs have been presented, with 200,000 patrons in attendance. The Santa Clara City Library has also consistently ranked nationally in the top five for libraries of its size in Hennen's American Public Library Ratings.

A series of special activities are planned for the week of April 13 –18 to celebrate Central Park Library's anniversary.

Francisco Jimenez Book Talk – Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Francisco Jimenez, renowned author and educator, emigrated with his family from Mexico and as a child worked alongside his parents in the fields. He received his B.A. from Santa Clara University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. Currently he is the Fay Boyle Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Santa Clara University. Professor Jimenez has written several autobiographical novels, including the recent *Reaching Out*, based on his experience as a Santa Clara University student.

Mission City Opera – Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Mission City Opera was founded in 1996 and is dedicated to presenting professional performances of operatic works at affordable prices in intimate productions. For an exciting evening of music at the Library, come hear several members of Mission City Opera sing selections from current and past season operas.

Diane Pershing - Thursday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

Come to a tea party to hear the President of the Romance Writers of America discuss the art of writing romance novels.

Sign up for the above three free programs at the Reference Desk, or call (408) 615-2900.

Toddler Dance Party! – Friday, April 17, 10-11 a.m.

Musician Dylan Donkin will provide an hour of music, song, and dance for 2-3 year old toddlers. Audience participation is encouraged.

Anniversary Extravaganza for Teens! – Saturday, April 18, 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m. there will be a Wii Mario Kart Tournament with prizes, followed by a Goth Plushies craft (cute stitched stuffed creatures) at 1:30 p.m., and ending with a Movie, Pizza, and Cake event at 3 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded at each program. For teens in grades 7-12—be sure to sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

For more information about all these events, check the Library's website: library.santaclaraca.gov. The Library's anniversary celebration programs are made possible through the generous support of the Foundation & Friends of Santa Clara City Library.

Haitian folk art installed in Library

Thanks to a generous grant from the Michael J. Kirsch Foundation, the Library has acquired six delightful pieces of Haitian folk art for its second floor. Haitian artists fabricate these metal sculptures by hand, using new or cast-off oil drums. After each drum is cleaned thoroughly and the ends removed, it is split down the side and pounded into a flat 4 x 6 foot piece of metal "canvas." The artist draws his design on the metal with chalk and, using hammer and chisel, proceeds to cut, shape and contour the oil drum into a lacy, intricate work of art.

On your next visit to the Library, look for these six fun new pieces of folk art:

- a flock of birds soaring above the newspaper racks in the Periodicals Pavilion
- a couple of giraffes munching leaves as birds fly overhead in the Languages Pavilion
- a Tree of Life with cats, a lizard, and a bird hiding among the leaves at the entrance to the Quiet Study Pavilion
- a regal peacock with wings spread holding court above the Reference wall shelving—and on opposing pillars in the center of the second floor
- a graceful giraffe hiding from the sun in the leafy jungle with two winged friends
- a pair of flamingoes fishing among the reeds.





Free tax service for seniors 50+

AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 14 to help Santa Clara Seniors with their Year 2008 Federal and State Income Tax Returns. You must be 50 years of age or older. Call the Senior Center office at 615-3170 to make an appointment. Please bring the following with you when you come for your appointment:

- Valid photo ID and taxpayer identification number(s) (Social Security Number)
- Birth dates of all individuals to appear on the return and proof that they are age 50 or older
- Bank routing numbers and an account number for direct deposit
- Copies of Tax Returns and supporting documents you filed for Year 2007
- Tax Forms and Instruction Booklets you received for the Year 2008 (if available)
- W-2 Forms from each employer for Year 2008
- 1099 G Forms, for Unemployment Compensation for Year 2008, if applicable
- SSA-1099 Forms for Social Security received in Year 2008, if applicable
- All 1099 Forms (1099 INT, 1099 DIV, 1099-R, 1099 MISC) for interest, dividends, pensions, annuity, IRA distributions, and miscellaneous income received in Year 2008
- Property tax bill
- Cost Basis and Acquisition Date for the sale or exchange of stocks, bonds, etc., in Year 2008, Form 1099-B
- Record of Withholding and Estimated Tax payments for Year 2008 (Forms 1040-ES and 540 ESS)
- If you plan to itemize deductions, please bring a consolidated list of Year 2008 medical expenses, contributions of cash or goods, tax payments, home mortgage interest payments, and miscellaneous deductions.

Please Note: Volunteers are not trained to prepare tax forms that report business, rental, or partnership income.

An easy way to save money – opt for tap water, not bottled



In these tough economic times almost everyone is looking for easy ways to stretch their budget. The City of Santa Clara Water Department would like to help with a simple idea that will save you money and help the environment – stop using bottled water.

Santa Clara residents pay approximately \$.003 a gallon for tap water, compared to bottled water that typically costs \$2.50 to \$10 a gallon. Bottled water is a big business. In 2007, consumers spent more than \$11.7 billion to purchase 8.82 billion gallons of water, yet we have one of the best and safest public water systems in the world.

Ironically, although many consumers think that bottled water is a better product than tap water, there is actually a lack of oversight of bottled water to make sure it meets health regulations. The Food and Drug Administration oversees bottled water compliance, but only if it is sold over state lines and about two-thirds of bottled water is produced in the state where it is sold. This means it is largely up to the bottlers to ensure that their product is safe and complies with regulations, so only 30-40% of bottled water is tested.

Compare that to the strict requirements imposed on tap water by the Environmental Protection Agency. City water is tested at the Water Treatment Plant one to 10 times each day for quality by trained and certified professionals, and an annual report is published summarizing the data from 5,000+ water samples taken throughout the year. (To read the most recent report, visit santaclearaca.gov/pub_utility/ws_water_quality.html and click on Consumer Confidence Report 2008 or request a copy by calling 615-2000.)

Bottlers not only don't have to tell consumers what's in their water, they are not even required to say where the water comes from. In 2006, more than \$162.8 million was spent on advertising in the U.S. to convince the public that bottled water is better than water from the tap. Rarely does bottled water come from the pristine mountain wilderness streams depicted in the scenes on the bottles or in the commercials. Many consumers would be surprised to learn that more than 25% of bottled water, including some of the most popular brands, comes from a public water source.


Bottled water also has a negative impact on the environment in several ways:

- Most of the 28 billion plastic water bottles used each year are recyclable, however, less than 20% of the bottles are actually recycled. Of those turned in for recycling in 2004, almost half were shipped overseas to be recycled, requiring more oil for this transportation.
- Virgin petroleum is required to make the type of plastic that bottled water is packaged in. Recycled plastic is not used for this purpose. And it takes approximately 24 gallons of water to produce one pound of plastic. That's a lot of natural resources just for the container.
- Bottled water also requires transportation from its source to the store or for home or office delivery.

Two-thirds of the City's water comes from deep wells that do not have bacteriological contamination and therefore do not require disinfection chemicals such as chlorine or chloramines. If you are still convinced that tap water doesn't taste as good as bottled water, try chilling it in a pitcher in the refrigerator where cold temperatures can dissipate the taste of any chemicals used to disinfect certain portions of the water supply. A water filter can also be used for the same purpose, just be sure to regularly change the filter following the manufacturer's recommendations.

Bottled water costs more, is not any healthier, and is more inconvenient than tap water. Save money and help the environment by enjoying high quality drinking water from your faucet at home.

If you have questions about your water, visit the website at santaclearaca.gov/pub_utility/ws_dept.html or call 615-2000.



SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES
1303 Fremont Street
Phone: 408.615.3170

❖ Attic Insulation	Pre-set Income Criteria.	Call 408/971-0888
❖ Blood Pressure	Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Drop-in
	Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.	By appointment
❖ BART Tickets	Available at Senior Center	Cost: \$9.00 Value: \$24.00
❖ VTA Bus Pass	Picture taken at County	\$20.00 Monthly Bus Sticker
	Transit & Senior Center	Sold at Senior Center
❖ Case Management	Dawn Pollak	Call 408/615-3170
❖ Fitness Room	Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
	Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	
❖ Grab Bars/Ramps/Repairs	Low-interest rate. For City of	
	Santa Clara Homeowners	Call 408/615-2490
❖ Health Insurance	Barbara Purdy	Free service by appointment
Counseling/Medicare		Call 408/615-3170
❖ Home Care Info./	Susan Bates	Donations Accepted
Referral Service	Scheduled hrs.	Call 408/615-3170
❖ Income Tax	Scheduled Appointments	Free Service
		Call 408/615-3170
❖ Legal Assistance	Age Limit: 60+	By appt. only
		Call 408/615-3170
❖ Notary Service	Second Mondays	By appt. only
		Call 408/615-3170
❖ Nursing Assessment	Free Service by Appt.	Call 408/615-3170
for Homebound		
❖ Nursing Consultant	Mon. through Fri.	Drop-in or appointments
	Mallory von Kugelgen, RN.	Call 408/615-3170
	Jodie Sugiyama, RNP.	Call 408/615-3170
❖ Nutrition Program	Donation \$2.00	Age Limit: 60+
	Two day advance reservations required	
	Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.	Call 408/615-3174
❖ Outreach	Free Information Service.	Call 408/436-2865
❖ Catholic Charities Housing		Call 408/325-5277

The Senior Center Office Hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. • Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Sunday, Closed



Safety first – ideas to safeguard your family and your property

Protect your vehicle from break-ins

Vehicle break-ins are one of the most common crimes. They are usually random and are a crime of opportunity. Although you can't predict if your vehicle will be hit, you can take steps to make it a less attractive target.

- **ALWAYS lock your vehicle** - An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to a thief. Lock up your vehicle even if you are making a quick stop and take the keys with you.
- **Close all windows** - Professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.
- **NEVER leave valuables inside your vehicle or trunk** - Remove cellular phones, GPS systems, iPods, stereo face-plates, garage door openers, and other valuables.
- **Use anti-theft devices** - Alarms, steering wheel locks and a locking gas cap are all a deterrent.
- **Park in visible, well-lighted areas** - Avoid parking in secluded and dark areas. Don't leave a vehicle in unattended public parking lots for an extended period.
- **Record serial numbers & mark your valuables with an identifying number** - Call the Santa Clara Police Department for information on Operation Identification, 615-5580, or visit scpd.org.

Contact the Santa Clara Police Department immediately to report a crime in progress and any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles in your neighborhood — 911 Emergency or Non-Emergency 615-5580.

Change your batteries when you change your clocks on March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins on the second Sunday in March – March 8 in 2009 – and all clocks are moved AHEAD one hour. It is a perfect time to remember to change the batteries in the smoke detectors in your home so that they are ready to do their job of alerting you to a fire.



Most fatal fires occur at night while you are asleep. Having a properly maintained and working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of survival. Every home should be protected by smoke detectors. Place a minimum of one smoke detector in every bedroom and in the main corridor outside of all sleeping areas. For multi-story homes, an additional smoke detector should be placed on every floor.

Just having a smoke detector is not enough – it needs to be in good working order. Although 86% of all homes in the United States have at least one smoke detector, an estimated one-third of these are not working. Most smoke detector failures are attributed to non-functioning batteries. Installing fresh batteries twice a year when you change the clocks could save your life. The Santa Clara Fire Department also suggests that you test your smoke detector monthly.

For further information regarding fire and life safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office at 615-4970.

Get rid of weeds and dried vegetation

The annual springtime arrival of weeds is well under way. No matter how much, or little, rain there is during the winter season, it's enough to breed grasses and weeds that quickly dry out as temperatures get hotter. Not only do weeds blight a neighborhood and create a haven for rodents, they can pose a fire hazard.



Warm temperatures turn weeds brown and dry them out. Days of hot sun preheat the weeds so that if they are ignited, fire spreads quickly.

The Fire Department urges citizens to survey their property and clear any dried vegetation that could pose a hazard. Weeds can be cut, pulled or mowed. Sprays are also available and can be applied during the early spring to prevent the weeds from growing. If your property is considered a burrowing owl habitat and there are owls inhabiting your property, care must be taken not to disturb the nesting sites since law protects the owls. The preferred and recommended method for abating weeds on properties that contain burrowing owls is mowing, since this has the least impact on the owls.

For questions or complaints regarding weeds, please contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at 615-4970.

Free disaster preparedness workshops

The **Home Emergency Assistance Team (HEAT)** training program helps Santa Clara residents, employees, and organizations prepare for disaster, such as a major earthquake.

Taught by Fire Department staff, the HEAT training provides valuable information on how to prepare for and survive a disaster. Participants learn the teamwork necessary to take care of injured persons throughout the community when first responders are overwhelmed after a disaster and residents must rely on each other.

Workshop dates and times in the next few months are:

City of Santa Clara Fire Department, Station 2 – 1900 Walsh Ave.

Saturday	March 14	9 a.m.-12 noon
Thursday	March 26	6-9 p.m.
Saturday	March 28	9 a.m.-12 noon
Tuesday	August 4	6-9 p.m.
Saturday	August 15	9 a.m.-12 noon
Tuesday	August 25	6-9 p.m.
Saturday	August 29	9 a.m.-12 noon

Muslim Community Association, 3003 Scott Blvd.

Saturday	May 30	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Saturday	October 17	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Space is limited. If you would like to sign up or get more information/directions, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Division at 615-4940.



These residents are prepared! - More than 100 households responded that they had on hand the 24 items needed to be self-sufficient for at least three days in case of a major disaster such as an earthquake, which could overwhelm the public safety resources of the City and the region. Residents are urged to be prepared to be able to take care of themselves, their families and their neighborhoods in the first 72 hours following such a major event. All residents who responded that they were prepared were commended for their efforts. Two households received special recognition at the City Council meeting of Feb. 10, 2009, for being prepared, and will receive a special tour of a City fire station and lunch with the fire crew. Pictured at the Council meeting are (left to right) Deputy Fire Chief Bill Kelly, resident Alma Guillot, residents David Sternitzke and Edna Pampy, and Fire Chief Phil Kleinheinz.

For the list of 24 items that every household should have on hand for a potential emergency, visit the City website at santaclaraca.gov and select the front page link, "Be Prepared for the Next Disaster." Another way to be prepared is to take the H.E.A.T. training. Upcoming classes are found on this page.

An earthquake is coming – are you prepared?

All scientists agree that a major earthquake of magnitude 7.0 or greater will hit California. They just don't know when or where. It could be today, or five years from now. If a major earthquake struck right now, you might be without direct assistance for up to 72 hours. Are you prepared to be self-sufficient? Is your family? Your neighborhood?

No matter what else is on your high priority to-do list, take time now to make sure you are prepared for the earthquake that is coming.

During the Earthquake:

Drop: When you feel an earthquake, drop under a sturdy desk or table. Try to stay away from windows, tall bookcases, and other heavy objects that might fall. If you cannot find a desk or table, get into a doorway or hallway, or brace yourself against an interior wall.



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Cover: Stay under cover until the shaking stops. If you are in a doorway, watch out for the swinging door. If you are in an open area, kneel down and cover your head with a book or anything else you can find.

Hold: Hold onto the desk or table. As it moves, move with it. Hold on until the shaking stops.

High-Rise Buildings: If you are in a high-rise building and cannot get under a desk, move to an interior wall. Do not use the elevators. Don't be surprised if the electricity goes out.

Outdoors: If you are outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, power lines, signs and buildings.

Sidewalk Near a Building: Duck into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, and other debris.

Driving: Pull over to the side of the road. Avoid bridges, power lines, and other hazards. Stay in the car until the shaking stops.

Kitchen: If you are in your kitchen, move away from heavy appliances such as refrigerators. Avoid areas with overhead cupboards and hanging objects.

Stadium or Theater: If you are in a stadium or theater, stay in your seat and protect your head with your arms. Do not try to leave until the shaking is over.

Don't Panic: Above all, remain calm.



After the Earthquake:

Aftershocks: Be prepared for aftershocks.

Check for Injuries: Check yourself and those around you for injuries. Administer first aid as needed.

Check Utilities: Check your utilities. If you suspect that the gas line, water line or electrical wiring is damaged, turn them off. Use a flashlight or light stick to check your utilities. DO NOT use matches, candles or other open flame.

Monitor the radio: Don't go sightseeing. Cooperate with public safety officials. Use a transistor radio to monitor the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for news and information.

Telephones: Try to minimize your use of telephones. If you see telephones off the hook, hang them up. This will help the telephone company to restore service.

Cabinets and Cupboards: When opening cabinets and cupboards, use caution. The contents of the cabinet might be heaped up against the door and may fall on you when the door is opened.

Stay out of Damaged Buildings: Don't go into damaged buildings until they have been declared safe by building inspectors.

Organize Your Emergency Supplies: Take the time to put together emergency supplies for your family. You should have adequate supplies and water to last your family at least 72 hours. (See photo caption on page 12.)

Detailed checklists to help you prepare for an emergency are available on the City's website, santaclara.ca.gov.

Safely dispose of household hazardous wastes

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will conduct a household hazardous waste drop-off event in Santa Clara on April 25. You must call 299-7300 to make an appointment. Other drop-off events are scheduled throughout the County during the year.

Items that can be disposed of at the drop-off day include household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pharmaceuticals, paint products, car and household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, solvents, waste oil, automotive products, and Sharps containers. Ammunition, explosives, and radioactive materials will not be accepted.

New law is strict about disposal of sharps

As of Sept. 1, 2008, Californians are prohibited from placing home generated sharps in their garbage or recycling containers. Home-generated sharps are defined as disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self injection or blood test, which may have a sharp tip or end.

To safely dispose of your used home-generated sharps, place them in a biohazard sharps container and take the container to a drop-off location listed on the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health website, hhw.org, or at a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off site, such as the one in Santa Clara on April 25. For other dates and locations, call 299-7300. You must have an appointment. Some physician offices, clinics or hospitals also have a sharps disposal program.

Sharps cannot be set out for collection in the Annual Clean-Up Campaign because they pose a potential health hazard to collection crews and the public.

Standing water increases risk of West Nile Virus

Now is the time to check for leftover pools of winter rain in your yard so that they do not attract mosquitoes and increase the risk of West Nile Virus. Even an inch of water in flowerpots, planters, outdoor toys, buckets, kiddie pools, faucets and sprinklers can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito.

All residents can help protect the health of themselves, their families, their neighbors and their community by taking the following actions:

- Drain or dump standing water and check weekly to make sure more water has not accumulated.
- Have tight-fitting screens without rips or tears on every door and window. Treat screen and doorjamb with products labeled for mosquito control.
- Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

To report problems with mosquitoes and standing water, call Santa Clara County Vector Control District at 918-4770. For questions about West Nile Virus, call the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Disease Prevention and Control Program at 885-4214.

Building Safety Week brings free classes to residents

May 4 – 8

In honor of California Building Safety Week, the City of Santa Clara will offer several free classes to help owners of single family homes and business, and contractors and designers who work in Santa Clara to better understand the issue of building safety and the value of complying with safety code regulations. The information provided will help Santa Clarans to understand how buildings can be constructed or retrofitted to prevent excessive damage from an earthquake or fire. There will also be presentations on construction issues that can trigger a home fire, and presentation from Simpson Strong-Tie Company on various anchoring products, hold-down systems, and shear resisting panels to make your buildings safer.

Participants in the workshops will have an opportunity to win a free logo cap from the Building Inspection offices. Information on days and times of classes during California Building Safety Week will be posted on the City's website in April, or call 615-2440.

Two ways to save money on energy at home

Silicon Valley Power customers who invest in insulating their attic and/or installing a photovoltaic system will not only save money on ongoing energy costs, they may also qualify for rebates on their purchases.

Attic insulation that covers at least 50% of the attic space is eligible for a rebate of up to \$175. Residential solar systems up to 10 kilowatts are eligible for a rebate of \$4.50 per watt.

Both home improvements have multiple financial and environmental benefits. Attic insulation can make a home more comfortable all year-round as warm air is contained in the winter and hot temperatures kept out in the summer. Solar energy investments can also qualify for new federal tax credits.

For information on both of these money-saving opportunities as well as other energy-related rebates, visit the municipal Electric Utility website at siliconvalleypower.com or call the Energy Conservation Hotline at 244-SAVE (7283).

Santa Clara well on its way to meet renewable energy goal

Santa Clara, ranked among the nation's best cities in providing green power alternatives for customers, is the first California city to confirm new goals to provide at least 33% renewable power for its Silicon Valley Power customers by the year 2020. The City already provides 28.5% renewable power while maintaining rates among the lowest in the state.

The 33% renewable power goal for all energy providers in California was announced by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in November.

"Power, especially renewable power, may become more expensive as dozens of California utilities increasingly compete to meet emerging requirements," said John Roukema, Director of Silicon Valley Power, the municipal Electric Utility. "The City Council's approval of the environmental policy update allows us to get ahead of the curve and secure market opportunities when they arise."

Roukema said that in order to meet the 33% renewable energy goal, new sources of renewable energy will be developed or secured on an ongoing basis in order to meet the target.

The City of Santa Clara and Silicon Valley Power were recognized in 2008 by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for being the second largest green power community in the U.S.



POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER:

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$8,223-\$9,992. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$6,160. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff's department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for both positions; file by April 22, 2009 for the May 16, 2009 written examination.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER I:

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,610 - \$6,802. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate and a Medical Priorities Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II:

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$6,027- \$7,320. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months

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prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION TECHNICIAN:

Please contact the Human Resources Department for information regarding the monthly salary range. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are scheduled as a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

ELECTRICIAN:

Please contact the Human Resources Department for information regarding the monthly salary range. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

JOURNEY LINEWORKER:

Please contact the Human Resources Department for information regarding the monthly salary range. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of employment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST II:

Police Records Specialist II monthly salary range is \$5,204 - \$6,339. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent; and two years of clerical and typing experience. College education with special emphasis in police administration or related fields may be substituted for the required work experience on a year-for-year basis. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 50 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Possession of an appropriate, valid California driver's license is required at time of appointment. A background investigation will be conducted prior to appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are conducted as vacancies occur.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

For additional job opportunities available at the City of Santa Clara, please visit our website at santaclaraca.gov or call our Job Hotline at 615-JOBS. EOE.

Santa Clara's nonprofit partners

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of local nonprofit agencies for the provision of community services. These agencies are funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. The services provided by these agencies are reviewed annually by the City for consideration of continued funding support. Here are a few of the agencies, the services that they provide for Santa Clara, and contact telephone numbers (area codes are 408 unless otherwise noted):

- Project Sentinel (fair housing services, information and referral, investigation), (650) 321-6291
- Catholic Charities Shared Housing (shared housing services for families and single-parents with children), 325-5277
- Bill Wilson Center (counseling for youth and families), 243-0222
- Support Network for Battered Women (counseling, legal services, emergency shelter), 541-6100
- Second Harvest Food Bank, Operation Brown Bag (provision of food staples for seniors), 266-8866
- Senior Adult Legal Services (individual counseling on legal issues for seniors), 295-5991

A complete list of the City's community service non-profit partners is posted on the City's website at santaclaraca.gov/plan_inspection/hou_npp.html or call the Housing & Community Services Division at 615-2490.



SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums



Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at tritonmuseum.org.



de Saisset Museum

Founded in 1955 through the bequest of Isabel de Saisset, the museum features rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays of art. The museum's collection includes American, European, African and Oriental art. The *California Historic Collection* features artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians, relics and sacramental objects from the original mission, and memorabilia from the days of the early college. The de Saisset also has an ongoing program of films, concerts and lectures. The museum is located on the Santa Clara University campus, adjacent to historic Mission Santa Clara. Admission and parking are free. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-4528, or visit the de Saisset website at scu.edu/deSaisset.



Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.



Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in



Pictured top to bottom, above:

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 4 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 615-2488 or email: BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at sbhrs.org.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.

Other Consortium Member Groups

Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call Club Vice President Grant Danielson, 248-0939.

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit scplayers.org.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 244-7551 or see the website at santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara - Berryessa Adobe*
- de Saisset Museum*
- Foothills Region AACA
- Garden City Doll Club
- Heart of the Valley*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Primarily Purses/Vintage Accessories Club
- Roberta Jones Junior Theatre*
- Santa Clara Art Association
- Santa Clara City Library*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Tabard Theater*
- Triton Museum of Art*
- The Twenty Diners Plus

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

*Affiliate Members

Think about Leadership Santa Clara in 2010



It is not too early to begin to think about enrolling in the 2010 Leadership Santa Clara program. During once a month sessions from January through June, class members receive briefings on a variety of issues affecting Santa Clara, and also participate in such workshops as effective group and electronic presentation skills, working with the media, meeting leadership, and other topics to assist them in their personal and professional lives. Shown above is the 2009 Leadership Santa Clara class at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Pictured (left to right) are Amisha Patel, Fatima Fagundes, Kathleen Orlenko, Anne Colbeck, Johan Bastiaens, Samantha Norton, Danielle Najmeh, Bev Mikalonis, Alice Martinez, Jinshed Akhtar, Clemense Dionne, Gregory Niven, Elise DeYoung, Barbara Stahl, Geoffrey Gothelf, Sergio Oliveri, Ashish Mangla, Al Garcia, Preston Metcalf, Elencheliyan Viswanathan. Not pictured: David Grissom.

For more information about the Leadership program, or how to sign up for the 2010 class, contact class coordinator Scott Summerfield at (925) 249-9320 or the City Manager's Office at 615-2210. See page 6 for more volunteer opportunities.

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Mission Engineers, Inc. honored in Business Recognition Program

Mission Engineers, Inc. an engineering services firm that has been located in the City of Santa Clara since 1953, is the most recent local business to be honored in the Business Recognition Program, a joint program of the City and the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau. The program acknowledges the valuable contributions made by all types of businesses to the quality of life in the community.

Services provided by the company include surveying and mapping, analysis, planning and engineering, water system design and analysis, and investigations and reports. Significant local projects in their portfolio include San Tomas Business Park, the original plans for the Mervyn's Shopping Center, Space Industrial Park, and the De La Cruz Overpass.



Photographed just following the Council recognition in December 2008 were Marlene Brown, wife of Mission Engineers, Inc. co-founder Jay Brown (at left), Valerie Auger, Director, Mission Engineers Operations and Business Development (second from left), Philippe Auger, P.E., President of Mission Engineers, Inc. (second from right), Barbara Dolbec, Mission Engineers' Controller (at right), and Steve Van Dorn (center), President and Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau.

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Mission City
Run for Fun 2009
at California's Great
America on Sunday,
April 26. See page 6
for details.